REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 8 and 18 remain in this application. Claims 2-6, 9-17 and 19-24 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications to that subject matter of cancelled Claims 2-6, 9-17 and 19-24.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C.§102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,782, 035 to Locke et al.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is no longer applicable in view of the amendment of the Claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of subject matter for Claims 5-7 and 9-13 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment of Claims 1, 7, 8 and 18 and the cancellation of the Claims 2-6, 9-17 and 19-24 have been made in good faith and that pending Claims 1, 7, 8 and 18 are in proper form for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1666.

Allowance of the Claims is respectfully requested.

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